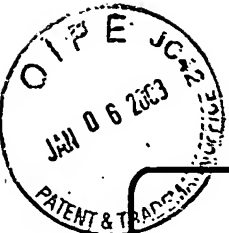


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	Filing Date	12/14/2000
	First Named Inventor	Rodriguez et al.
	Art Unit	2613
	Examiner Name	Shawn An
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other:

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) in the amount of _____
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17) (_____ months EOT) in the amount of _____
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

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